

Complete and Simple Subjects and Predicates

- 2c.** The main word or word group that tells whom or what the sentence is about is called the **simple subject**.

The **complete subject** consists of the simple subject and any words or word groups that modify the simple subject.

- 2d.** The **simple predicate**, or **verb**, is the main word or word group that tells something about the subject.

The **complete predicate** consists of the verb and all the words that modify the verb and complete its meaning.

SENTENCE	That last dive qualified him for the finals.
COMPLETE SUBJECT	That last dive
SIMPLE SUBJECT	dive
COMPLETE PREDICATE	qualified him for the finals
SIMPLE PREDICATE	qualified

EXERCISE A In each sentence below, underline the complete subject and circle the simple subject.

Example 1. The entire family enjoys the nearby park.

- The Gómez family goes to a nearby park almost every weekend.
- The two youngest boys enjoy playing soccer with their friends.
- The older girls prefer to go bird-watching through the park's beautiful trails.
- Sometimes the entire family goes hiking together.
- A long day at the park is a favorite pastime for the Gómez family.

EXERCISE B In each sentence below, underline the complete predicate and circle the simple predicate.

Example 1. Many composers of music have gained international fame.

- Modern composer Dan Welcher was born in 1948.
- Welcher earned degrees from the Eastman School of Music and Manhattan School of Music.
- Dan Welcher is one of the most original and exciting modern American composers.
- Dan Welcher has composed many types of music, including symphonies, operas, and chamber music.
- The Chicago Symphony, the St. Louis Symphony, and many other orchestras have performed Welcher's music.